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FROM : LINCOLN

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LINC 2523 (IN 44964)0127Z 8 MAY 54* OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE
PRECEDENCE

TO: DIR

CITE: SLINC

RYBAT PESUCCESS

RE: DIR 49642 (OUT 92588)

OPERATION IMMEDIATE

1. FOLLOWING REACTION REF MSG FORWARDED FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION BEFORE STOPPING ACTION NOW IN MOTION AS ANY CABLE SENT AFTER RECEIPT YOUR MSG WOULD NOT REACH UNTIL 0900 MAY 8, THUS TIME FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

2. FIRST: FAIL SABOTAGE DEPENDS UPON ACCURATE TIMELY INFORMATION AS TO WHICH TRAIN, WHAT TIME ETC. SUCCESSFUL DE-RAILING ONLY RESULTS IN DELAYING DELIVERY OF ARMS TO WSBURNT CITY OR HARASSMENT. DESTRUCTION OF FREIGHT, IF UNDER HEAVY GUARD AS SUPPOSED, IS BEYOND PRESENT CAPABILITY SYNCARP WITHOUT MOUNTING ALL OUT EFFORT WHICH IS PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE WITHIN TIME LIMITS.

3. SECOND: DISREGARDING RELATIVE MERITS OF MEANS EMPLOYED CALLIGERIS NOW AWARE SHIPMENT, UDT METHOD, ORDNANCE AVAILABILITY AND CAPABILITIES HIS PERSONNEL. CADICK FULLY AWARE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING PBPRIME CLEAR OF OPERATION. BELIEVE UNDESIRABLE TO INFORM

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FIELD THAT SKIMMER DECLINES AUTHORIZE OPERATION WHEN TO SYNCARP IT HAD BEEN LAID ON AS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE.

4. THIRD: BELIEVE ODYOKE INTEREST IN SHIPMENT CONSISTENT WITH OUR FOREIGN POLICY AND CAN BE EXCELLENT COVER SINCE VERY EXISTENCE OF INTEREST DENIES USE OF OTHER MEANS OR AT LEAST SOUND BASIS FOR PLAUSIBLE DENIAL. CERTAINLY PBPRIME HAS KNOWN MANY HIGHLY PUBLICIZED ARMS SHIPMENTS ADVERSE TO OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS IN WHICH NO VIOLENT ACTION TAKEN. MOST NOTEWORTHY WAS JET FUEL SHIPMENTS TO RED CHINA DURING KOREAN WAR. THUS, WITH PBPRIME ONLY COVERTLY INVOLVED IN SINKING OF VESSEL, ODYOKE MAY VERY WELL POINT TO ITS RECORD ON SUBJECT. AGAIN WHETHER PBSUCCESS INVOLVED OR NOT IF ANTI COMMUNISTS ANYWHERE TOOK SUCH ACTION THE COMMUNISTS WOULD BLAME ODYOKE. CANNOT SEE WHERE WEST GERMANS COULD OBTAIN EVIDENCE ODYOKE RESPONSIBILITY; "OTHERS" PRESUMED TO BE BELGIUM AND ENGLAND WHO MOST UNLIKELY TO REVEAL THEIR PARTICIPATION HAVING NO STAKE IN DEAL.

5. FOURTH: IF SUCCESSFUL, CALLIGERIS COULD CLAIM CREDIT DENYING IRON CURTAIN ARMS TO RED DOMINATED USSR. IF UNSUCCESSFUL AND CAUGHT CALLIGERIS ONLY ONE INVOLVED AS ONLY INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL TO BE USED.

6. RECOMMEND: HQS TAKE MEASURES TO BECLOUD OR COVER UP ODYOKE'S EXPOSURE, POSSIBLY ALLOWING STORY TO BE BROADCAST BY WINCHELL THUS PROVIDING BACKSTOP HOW CALLIGERIS KNEW OF SHIP

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AND LINC BE PERMITTED PROCEED WITH PREPARATIONS. MEANWHILE LINC WILL EXPLORE OTHER MEANS OF DESTROYING SHIPMENT AFTER UNLOADING.

7. ADVISE OPIM YOUR REPLY.

END OF MESSAGE

*CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT: MR. ESTERLINE, WH, NOTIFIED OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE AT 2127
7 MAY 54.